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* 79 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of stand conductors employed under the City State Transport system as on 1st September 1962; and

(*b*) the hours of the day during which their services are utilised?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Sixty-three (63)

(*b*) The stand conductors are posted to work in two spells viz., 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m. each day.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, what work is given to them during the other part of the day?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not have the information, Sir. But they are detailed for work for eight hours. Out of this eight hours, four hours they do in the stands. Probably they will get other work to do during the other four hours.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are there stand conductors permanently posted at busy places like the Central Station and the Parry's Corner?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. Stand conductors are posted in busy centres like Parry's Corner, Central Station and a number of other places. There are as many as 63 stand conductors.

* 80 *Q.*—MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member is not in his seat , the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Panchayats

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the rates at which the Panchayats are charged for electricity supplied; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to reduce that rate?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Pension

* 81 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications for pension received from retired teachers during the year 1961 in each District Educational Officer's Office in the State;

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(*b*) the number of such cases in which pension has been granted;

(*c*) the number of such cases pending action; and

(*d*) the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) to (*d*) : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, the number of applications delayed are more in the case of managements? What steps have the Government taken to see that such delays do not recur?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, all possible steps are being taken to avoid delays and the causes of delays are given in the paper placed on the table of the House.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, the delay is said to be due to defects. Have the Government prescribed any printed forms of application to facilitate the submission of all particulars without leaving any cause for delay in dealing with them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, இந்தப் பென்ஷன் அளிப்பதில் அளவு கடந்த தாமதம் இல்லாமலிருக்க இவ்வளவு காலத்திற்குள்ளாக அதன் முடிவுகள் தெரியப்படுத்த வேண்டுமென்று அரசாங்க அலுவலகத்திற்கு அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் உத்திரவு இடுவார்களா ?

கனம் திரு. பக்தவத்சலம் : இப்போது வேறு உத்தரவு இடுவதற்கில்லை. எவ்வளவு தாமதமாகிறது ? தாமதத்திற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? எவ்வளவு தூரம் அதைத் தவிர்க்கக் கூடுமென்பதை ஆராய்ந்துதான் அப்படி உத்திரவு இடுவதைப்பற்றி யோசிக்க வேண்டும்.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that there are cases where pension papers are delayed for over two or three years?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, there may be stray cases like that and there might be adequate reasons for such delays.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that the Director of Public Instruction is consulted by certain District Educational Officers when these District Educational Officers themselves have got the powers to sanction he pension under the rule?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : : I have no information, Sir.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 64-65.